

I am writing to express my opposition to the budget proposal put forth by Governor Malloy - specifically the decrease in funding for education and the shift of teacher pension funding to local towns. Beyond the cost to our taxpayers I object to the fact that the towns benefiting from these changes will not be required to use their additional funds for education spending. That does not solve the legal issues cited by the Governor - nor is it fair for other communities to be required to fund other community's shortfalls.

This budget will devastate our town. Before this was announced our Superintendent had put forth a budget that cut teaching and administrator positions simply in an effort to mitigate an increase in state mandates and a projected 25% increase in health insurance premiums. The Governor's proposal will triple that initial increase.

We have taxpayers - including many seniors on fixed incomes that cannot absorb the local tax increase this would require.

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